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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE PARTY STATEMENTS ON DEFENSE

1. INDPENDENCE PARTY ISSUED POLICY STATEMENT ON FOREIGN AND
DEFENSE MATTERS OVER WEEKEND WHICH CONTAINED, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
STRONG DEMAND FOR RETENTION OF IDF. SPECIFICALLY, IP DEFENSE
STATEMENT CALLED FOR:

--WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY GOI TO US
CONCERNING REVISION OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT;

--CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENT WITH US AND PRESENCE OF DEFENSE
FORCE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DIRECT PROTECTION OF ICELAND AS
WELL AS SEA AND AIR SURVEILLANCE;

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--A GOVERNMENT STUDY OF EXTERNAL FACTORS AFFECTING ICELAND'S SECURITY SUCH AS SOVIET NAVAL EXPANSION, MBFR, SALT, AND CSCE;

--MEASURES TO PREVENT FOREIGN THREATS TO ICELAND'S SECURITY FROM WITHIN INCLUDING CONTROLS ON NUMBERS AND ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS.

2. IP CHAIRMAN GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, INTERVIEWED IN JUNE 23 MORGUNBLADID, SAID DEFENSE AND SECURITY ISSUES TOPPED ISSUES IN CURRENT CAMPAIGN. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE SAID IP WOULD NOT WAVER FROM DEMAND FOR STRONG DEFENSE OF ICELAND IN ORDER TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT. ASKED HOW IP, WHICH HAS NO CHANCE OF GETTING PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY, COULD RECONCILE ITS STAND WITH POTENTIAL COALITION PARTNERS HAVING VASTLY DIFFERENT DEFENSE VIEWS, HALLGRIMSSON SAID STRONG IP SHOWING AT POLLS IN WAKE OF "DEFENDED COUNTRY" PETITION MIGHT INFLUENCE POSITION OF LEGISLATORS IN OTHER PARTIES.
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